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SUBJECT: S&T AGREEMENT: CHEMICAL CATALYSIS AREA

FOR SCIATT

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE PREPARED LAST WEEK MAY NOT HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED; HEREWITH REPEATED.

2. MRS. MARIA SNOW, ASSISTANT TO DR. KENYON OF AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY WHO IS ADMINISTRATOR FOR LOCAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING CHEMICAL CATALYSIS PROGRAM UNDER CONTRACT WITH NSF, PLANS TO VISIT LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW FEB. 29-MARCH 8 AS MEMBER OF TOURIST GROUP. SHE WILL BE IN MOSCOW MARCH 4-8. KENYON AND BALDESCHWIELER HAVE SUGGESTED MRS. SNOW MIGHT TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL CALL ON MRS. MARINA MICKHAILOVNA LEBEDEVA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR PROGRAM ON SOVIET SIDE.

3. IF NO OBJECTIONS PERCEIVED, REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT MRS. LEBEDEVA OR APPROPRIATE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT FOR MRS. SNOW. SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT
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CALL IS FOR PURPOSE OF GETTING ACQUAINTED, SO AS TO

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FACILITATE LATER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THEM. ALSO SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT, WHILE MRS. SNOW WISHES TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF LOGISTICS ARRANGEMENTS CONTEMPLATED FOR VISITS OF US AND SOVIET PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AND RESEARCH

FELLOWS, SHE IS EMPLOYEE OF NON-GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR AND IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS.

4. MRS. SNOW WILL CONTACT SCIATT ON ARRIVAL MOSCOW.

5. FYI: DURING BRIEFINGS, DEPARTMENT LEARNED MRS. SNOW IS NATURALIZED US CITIZEN, BORN 1924 IN THE CRIMEA, USSR. THE GERMANS FORCEABLY EVACUATED HER WHEN THEY CONTROLLED AREA IN 1944 AND MRS. SNOW HAS NOT RETURNED TO THE SOVIET UNION SINCE. SHE HAS NO RELATIVES IN THE USSR. DEPT. OFF. ADVISED HER IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO RENOUNCE SOVIET CITIZENSHIP PRIOR TO VISIT THERE, BUT BECAUSE OF SHORTNESS OF TIME SHE DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH TRIP. MRS. SNOW INTENDS TO WRITE EMBASSY ON HER BACKGROUND. DEPARTMENT WILL POUCH. END FYI. BROWN

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